

Around Town Hall

FORD ASSISTS

Hingham Town Counsel George Ford will act as a special assistant to Cohasset in the Civil Service dismissal case of former patrolman Douglas Smith. Town Counsel J. Blake Thaxter declined to serve as the town's attorney as he had represented one of the key witnesses in the case on a private matter in the past.

RATES DECIDED

At Town Counsel's advice, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates to go into effect for town employees will not include maternity benefits for individual female policy holders, for the time being.

A recently passed federal law allows individual female policy holders to obtain maternity benefits. Although not yet case tested it was the opinion of the company's representative that the town could be held liable for maternity expenses not made available to individual policy holders.

Individual rates will increase from \$39.52 to \$40.54 and family premiums will increase from \$99.82 to \$107.02 monthly.

PROPANE STUDY

School Supt. Dr. John Maloney requested Selectmen to allow a joint engineering study with the School Department to determine whether or not it is feasible to convert all the town buses and vehicles from gasoline to propane.

Maloney said that the School Committee would be willing to share the expense of such a study which will determine the conversion costs. He added that the study should project further savings for the town.

Maloney requested that Selectmen seek cost proposals for the study so that he could present them to the School Committee.

ENERGY STUDY

In another letter from Supt. Maloney, the School Committee's wish to fill the outstanding vacancies on the School Facilities Committee was outlined. The School Committee plans to meet with the newly constituted Committee and ask that they conduct an energy study of the existing school buildings.

"Due to the fact that engineering and architectural expertise will be necessary in the consideration of solar heat and other means to conserve energy, we ask that some consideration be given to appointing persons with this background," the letter stated.

SALVADOR COMPLAINS

Robert Salvador of Atlantic Avenue complained to Selectmen once again last week about parking and drinking near Wadleigh Park in the area in front of Black Rock Beach, the land which abutts his property. Salvador felt that surrounding towns were more strict that Cohasset in the enforcing of the new drinking



age and drinking in motor vehicles.

The parking problem outside his home seems to be becoming worse now that summer is on the way, he explained. He complained of late night noise and litter from the parked cars. "I'm entitled to peace. It's a residential area. I just keep coming down here and nothing gets done," Salvador said.

He claimed that Town Counsel was supposed to have made a ruling some time ago about the legality of closing the extension from Forest Avenue where most of the parking violations occur. "I can't put up with it all summer," he said. "Put a policeman down there or I will

go to court."

Selectman Arthur Clark agreed that cars aren't supposed to be parking in the area at all. Selectmen decided to ask Police Chief Randolph Feola to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

TRANSFER APPROVED

John and Mary Muncie of South Main Street were allowed a transfer of liquor license for Cohasset Harbor Liquor store. No objections were voiced for the transfer to the new owners. The licenses issued were for seasonal all alcoholic beverages and for year round wine and malt.

JUNE MEETINGS

Selectmen will hold meetings semi-weekly for the summer months. Next month's

meetings will be June 6 and 13.

LITCHFIELD ASKED

Zoning Officer James Litchfield will be asked to attend the next meeting of Selectmen to discuss the cease and desist order he issued Wayne Sawchuk for stockpiling stone and gravel in a residential area.

Sawchuk claimed the stockpiling wasn't intended for filling wetlands on that property, his mother's home on Route 3A, and that such activities were in practice there prior to zoning bylaws.

CLEAN-UP WANTED

Jack Hubbard, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, requested CETA help to help clean up the Cohasset side of Straits Pond. Selectmen took the matter under advisement.

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Jackson Patrolman

Selectmen last week appointed Robert Jackson of Ash Street to the position of permanent patrolman with the Cohasset Police Department. Jackson was scheduled to start work Sunday.

Jackson was the second person on the Civil Service list

eligible for the position. He received a 92 on the Civil Service exam (five points were for veterans preference).

Jackson will graduate this spring from Northeastern University with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement. He already holds a B.A. in political science and has worked toward a master's degree in law enforcement. He has worked as a security officer at Osco Drug in Dorchester.

Paul Rooney, a patrolman in Yarmouth and the first candidate for the job, had indicated to Selectmen several weeks earlier that he wanted the maximum salary of \$13,662 for the position, not the minimum \$12,762. Rooney, however, had signed the Civil Service form accepting the lower figure during his interview, which he requested be held in executive session.

Selectmen wrote to Rooney after the interview to ascertain whether he had decided to accept the job at the minimum salary. Rooney didn't respond to the request within the time he had said he would.

Selectman Henry Ainslie felt that Jackson was the most qualified in both experience and education and remarked that his appointment wasn't made solely because Rooney was unavailable.

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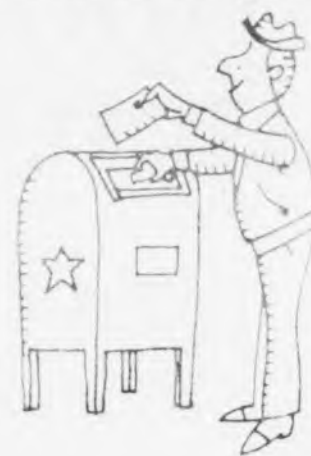
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